

COMMISSIONERS TO CONDEMN LAND

Work Started on the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina.

GROUND BROKEN NEAR THE CITY

A Schooner Load of Young Men Off for the Launching at Newport News. The Grays Inspected—Splendid Tobacco Sales.

PETERSBURG, VA., March 22.—Special.—Judge Epps, of Dinwiddie County Court appointed commissioners to condemn the land of the upper Appomattox Company and the lands of J. C. Smith, Dinwiddie county for purposes of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railroad Company. The work of clearing and grading the road was begun this afternoon at a point on Cox road in Dinwiddie county, near the Central State Hospital.

LAUNCHING PARTY. Quite a large party of young men of this city will leave here to-morrow afternoon at 6 o'clock on a schooner in tow of the tug Louise for Newport News to witness the launching of the two battle-ships Keokuk and Kentucky.

The Petersburg Grays were inspected at the army last night by the captain of the company. The company's band appeared for the first time on this occasion in their new uniform.

TOBACCO SALES. The sales of loose tobacco at the warehouses to-day were quite heavy and satisfactory prices were obtained for the week. One lot sold at 40 cents per pound, brought 45 per hundred pounds. Mr. Robert Orr was the purchaser.

CLARKE COUNTY LAND SALES.

Crap Shooters Swell the Ranks of the Chain Gang—The Water Supply.

BERRYVILLE, VA., March 22.—Special.—Mr. Herbert E. Ward, of Budchick-Salterton, England, has purchased 25 acres of the "Buena Vista" tract of farm land, formerly belonging to Colonel J. R. C. Lewis and situated near Berryville, Va.

Farm lands in the county never appeared to better advantage than now, and several big sales have been made to investors during the past month.

The police officers of the town made a raid on Josephine City, a settlement on the suburbs of Berryville, Sunday night, and captured a gang of crap shooters, who were tried and fined five dollars apiece by the mayor to-day. There were six prisoners in all and they will be put to work on the streets of the corporation to-morrow, unless their fines are paid by that time.

Steps are being taken to supply Berryville with free stone water from the Blue Ridge Mountain. The system can be readily completed by the additional expenditure of \$15,000. The people will favor water by a big majority at the primary, which will soon be held.

SUDDEN DEATH IN WISE.

A Local Option Election—Strong Anti-Saloon Spirit.

BIG STONE GAP, VA., March 22.—Special.—George Campbell, who has been employed by the Virginia Coal and Iron Company at Stone Gap, died suddenly here to-day. He had been complaining slightly for some days and to-day he kicked a couple three times and fell over and expired at 4 P. M.

J. A. Mann, who formerly ran the Mann House at Wise, Va., died of heart failure to-day at Gate City, where he has been living for some time past. Sunday morning at about 3 o'clock at a negro dance Charles Carter, ex-Rush Carmack with a knife, inflicted a very painful wound. The knife started near the ear and laid open the cheek to the bone to the end of the chin. Both men were colored.

Jim Turner also received a slight cut in the arm.

Judge Skeen has ordered an election to be held April 12 on local option. The excitement is running very high. Rev. W. C. Carlin to-day preached a very able sermon against saloons. There is an anti-saloon club organized which is doing a great work for the dry ticket.

PETERSBURG WATER.

There is a Strong Leaning Towards a Filterer.

PETERSBURG, VA., March 22.—Special.—It is likely that at the next monthly meeting of the Common Council an effort will be made to pass a resolution that body a few nights ago, making the price of city water ten cents per thousand gallons, instead of the present price of eight cents. The most prominent members of the Council stated to-day that 95 per cent of the water takers were satisfied with the ten cents rate and that it would be dangerous for any member of the Council to undertake to have a change made for an increase rate. One of the largest manufacturers of the city said that the city water was very good provided it was filtered and that he believed a suitable plant to filter a million gallons of water per day could be installed by the city at a cost of about ten thousand dollars.

OYSTER PACKER'S LOSS.

The Big Works at Wheaton Destroyed by Fire—A Saw Mill Burned.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 22.—Special.—The large oyster packing works of Coulbourn Brothers at Wheaton, on the Rappahannock river, were burned yesterday, causing a heavy loss.

Large shipments of oysters were made regularly from this establishment to Western and Northwestern States. The fire will cause operations to end for this season.

The saw-mill and grist-mill in Caroline county belonging to R. T. Ballard were destroyed by fire. There was no insurance and the loss is considerable.

THE RAVENSWORTH WRECKER.

The Jury Has Not Agreed and Court Adjourned Until To-day.

FAIRMONT C. H. VA., March 22.—Special.—The case of Robert J. Hamilton, charged with attempting to wreck a Chesapeake and Ohio express train at Ravensworth Station last December, was given to the jury about 6 o'clock this evening.

Almost the entire afternoon was devoted to the argument by counsel. It is thought that the case made against him is stronger than was made at the last trial.

The jury as yet is unable to agree and the court has adjourned until to-morrow morning.

THE POSTOFFICE BURGLARS.

They Raid the Woodstock Office and Seize Good Hoofle.

WOODSTOCK, VA., March 22.—Special.—The postoffice at Woodstock, Va., was broken into by burglars at 2:30 o'clock this morning. They gained access to the room by opening the lock of the front door. They drew open an iron safe and secured about \$15 in cash and stamps and about \$100 in registered letters that had not been delivered.

The postoffice in the building occupied by Mr. Jacob Schock, as a hotel, at the doors of the hotel had been fast-

BE CAREFUL JUST NOW

A Little Good Advice Which You Will Do Well to Consider at This Time.

At this time of year, when we are changing over from winter to spring, there is always a low order of vitality, a reaction from the strain of the season. The blood does not flow so full or rapidly—the strength is less.

For these reasons all kinds of diseases have a much better chance of taking other season. We all know this from our own experiences and those of our friends, and we are aware that a terrible amount of grip, pneumonia and other diseases are floating in the air and drawn in by us with every breath. It is a time for exercising special care for keeping the blood in circulation and the system toned up generally.

There is but one way by which a proper reaction at such a time can be brought about, and that is by the use of a pure stimulant, preferably whiskey. This is universally admitted, but the trouble has been to secure a good, pure and reliable whiskey. Indeed, there is but one that can be confidently and safely used, and that is Duff's Pure Malt. It possesses qualities known only to itself. It will bring about a reaction, cause the blood to circulate, prevent a cold, check pneumonia and ward off grip. It has relieved more suffering and saved more lives by reason of these powers which it possesses than anything of a similar nature which has ever been discovered. You will be wise if you have it on hand and use it when you feel the least signs of disease or weakening.

The Virginia Trust Company acts as executor, administrator, guardian, receiver, trustee for estates corporations or individuals.

All accidents and uncertainties incident to trusts etc., as administered by individuals, are altogether removed, when the company is appointed to handle the trust fund. The corporation trustee outlives the trust. The inefficiency and carelessness of individual trustees may wreck valuable estates. Wills recited and kept without change.

The State Bank of Virginia invites the public to inspect its vaults for the safe-keeping of bonds, stocks, jewelry, etc., in its storage vaults for the safe-keeping of silver plate and other bulky valuables. They are regarded as safe as the vaults of the State Bank and could make them. At night they are guarded by a reliable, trustworthy guard.

MCADDEN'S FLATS.

"McAdden's Flats," the New York Journal's play of East Side New York city life, and its now famous characters of Irish birth, the attraction at the Academy on Friday and Saturday, with the usual matinee.

The company includes the well known artist Charles Loder, Richard Mullen, Estelle Wellington, the Irish wit, Lizzie Conway; the six Harrison sisters, Swiss warblers, the comic boxing Marvells, Speck Brothers, the dancing Marvells, and the four emperors of Music—all of whom go to make up one of the most complete and refined and catchy comedy companies ever combined.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Musical Festival. April 22nd and 23rd. P. M. after 7 o'clock. Boston Festival Orchestra.

NO SAFER REMEDY can be had for Coughs and Colds, or any trouble of the Throat, than "Brown's Bronchial Troches." Price 25c. Sold only in boxes.

CASTORIA.

WE CALL ATTENTION to the Plot of LOTS to be sold at Newport News on THURSDAY, March 23rd, P. M. after 7 o'clock. Launching of the Battle-ships. Get a copy of it from E. P. COX, Receiver, Merchants' National Bank Building and select the Lots you want before going down.

EXCURSION TO MT. VERNON. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HOME. See local. mh23-1*

tened from the outside before the safe was blown open.

The work was evidently that of the expert gang that have been traveling through this section of country.

THE HAWES INQUIRY.

The Board of Visitors Did Not Have a Quorum—Will Meet in Richmond.

LEXINGTON, VA., March 22.—Special.—The call meeting of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute, called for the purpose of investigating the recent trouble between Cadet G. P. Hawes, of Richmond, Va., and his class of '98, met here this afternoon and adjourned until April 20, 1898, on account of not having a quorum present.

Those members present were Judge Parish, of Roanoke, Va.; Judge Rhodes, of Bristol, Va.; Colonel Gaines, of Warrenton, Va.; Colonel Hawes, of Richmond, Va.; and Mr. Saunders, of Henry county, Va., and adjourned until April 20th will be held in Richmond.

New Kent County.

OAK, VA., March 22.—Special.—The grist mill property recently purchased by Messrs. Eames Cane and Franks, has been thoroughly renovated and is now in operation.

The acreage of melons in this county will be much larger this year than ever before.

The schooner William Henry sailed this morning loaded with a cargo of lumber, consigned to W. E. Edwards, Baltimore, who is carrying on an extensive business in this section.

The little daughter of Mrs. E. P. Gilliam, last night while out doors romping, ran against a post knocking her senseless and she remained in that condition until early to-morrow.

Mr. J. J. Okey, who has been sick for the past three months, is now convalescent.

Salem Snap Shots.

SALEM, VA., March 22.—Special.—The revival services in progress for the past two weeks at the Baptist church conducted by the new pastor, Rev. F. R. Marston, continue this week. There have been many conversions.

The Presbyterian church building will shortly be repainted and other needed improvements will be made.

Young people of the town assisted by students are rehearsing on the Shakespeare's plays which will be given in the town hall shortly for the benefit of the Roanoke College Athletic Association.

Dr. W. R. L. Smith Lectures.

ASHLAND, VA., March 22.—Special.—Rev. Dr. W. R. L. Smith, of the Second Baptist church, Richmond, delivered a lecture on "The Last Forty Days of the Life of Christ" at the college chapel Monday night, under the auspices of the College Y. M. C. A.

The audience was highly entertained and edified.

Members of Randolph-Macon College literary societies are preparing for their annual public debate.

Several northern parties are prospecting hereabout with a view of purchasing farms.

Chinaman Murdered.

NORFOLK, VA., March 22.—Special.—Sing Lee, a Chinese laundryman of Berkeley, has been missing for three weeks past. His body was found in Cummer's mill-pond to-day. His skull was crushed. The coroner's jury decided that he came to his death by violence.

NEW RAILROAD IN ALBERMARLE.

Contractors Laying Rails on the Alberene Line.

A LOCAL OPTION PETITION.

Howardsville Has a Poor Show of Getting Rid of Saloons With the Lines of Two Other Counties So Close.

By—New Green Stone Quarry

HOWARDSVILLE, VA., March 22.—

Special.—The contractors on the Alberene railroad have completed the grading of the road and have commenced putting down ties and rails.

A petition is being circulated soliciting the signatures of those opposed to re-licensing the bar-rooms in Howardsville. It is not thought it will be successful, as the proximity of Nelson and Buckhams counties make such a move without about one hundred yards from our doors in both Nelson and Buckingham, and so the evil would be just as great as before.

A NEW QUARRY.

The Alberene Soapstone Company have nearly completed the opening of their new quarry and will begin to use it in a short time.

A stratum of very fine green stone was struck very recently. It is reported to be very pretty and of better quality than the average stone.

The public schools have begun to close. Professor Sale, principal of Adel Academy, has closed his school and left for Richmond yesterday.

Mr. Harry Turner's school at Arvonnia has also closed, and Mr. Turner, who was principal, has returned home.

HARDINGER'S SPRING.

Fishing is becoming quite good now. Mr. H. E. Ponton landed a four and a half pound bass several days ago, the largest of the season so far.

Flowers of all kinds are budding and blooming, and it is expected that the peach trees, which are in bloom, will all be killed.

PITTSYLVANIA COURT.

The Confederate Monument to be Unveiled in July—Consul Cobbs.

CHATHAM, VA., March 22.—Special.—County Court in session this week. The docket is rather small.

A large crowd was in town Monday. Horse trading was the order of the day.

Hon. W. W. Cobbs, who was recently appointed Consul to China, is expected to be here in a few days, but will not leave for his new post of duty, but not later than the 5th of April, however.

The Board of Supervisors of the county have given a space twenty feet square in the court-house yard for the erection of the Confederate monument. The unveiling of the monument will take place in July, perhaps.

Senator Daniel has been invited to make the address, but has not responded yet. It is his leaving for the north, where he is in the North some time in the interest of the Chatham Female School, has raised quite a nice sum of money for this institution.

A business men's carnival will be given at an early date by the young ladies of the Baptist church.

FIRE IN PULASKI.

Judge Jackson Popular as a Judge and a Citizen.

PULASKI, VA., March 22.—Special.—The house on Randolph avenue occupied by Judge Jackson, caught fire to-night. The fire department put out the fire.

Judge Jackson, who has been in the fire of his Circuit Court here yesterday. There is a full attendance of lawyers. Judge Jackson is the judge who was elected by the last Legislature after the memorable fight in the Democratic caucus, he having voted for the Democratic ticket in the State election.

He is popular as a man and judge. The postoffice is now open on Valley street, having been removed from north Second street.

UNDER CONTROL OF COURTS.

Deposits in Banks Have to Be Kept Recorded.

The clerks of the various courts of record in this State are very indignant over the law enacted by the General Assembly during its recent session, which provides for a great deal of additional work for these officials without allowing them any compensation for the same.

The law in question is found in chapter 706 of the acts of 1897, which amends section 323 of the Code of Virginia so as to require a record to be kept of money under the control of the courts.

This clerk shall file the certificate in the papers of the suit in which the order was made and keep the record of that money in a book, showing the style of suit, the date of the order of the deposit, the amount and place of deposit and the court in which the order has been entered. He shall also from time to time, as directed by the court, file a statement of the court clerk shall also furnish the Auditor of Public Accounts on the first day of February in each year with a copy of the records, showing the balance on hand at that time and the Auditor is also to keep an account of these records.

The court clerk furthermore shall furnish a like list of such balances to the Examiner of Records who shall examine the same and, if found correct, he shall report it to the Commissioner of the Revenue of his county or city.

A. P. V. A. MEETING.

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Friday next will be "Illustrator's Evening" at the Art Club. Mrs. James Lyons being chairman for the entertainment. She will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. Taylor Eitzyon, Mrs. Gwatkin and Miss Beale Catlin. A charming programme, made up of original work, all of which have been illustrated either by the writers or other members of the club, will be presented, as follows: A story

Boy's Flannel Shirt Waists, 50c., were \$1.50.



We've asked a number of fathers where their boys' clothes were bought. And they didn't know. Proved their faith in us by always buying here for themselves; yet allowed their boys to go anywhere, everywhere.

We're just as thoroughly prepared with Spring Overcoats, Spring Hats, Spring Furnishings for boys as for men.

SPECIAL: Boy's All-Weather Fancy Mixed Cassimere Suits, sizes 3 to 15 years. The spring's new, stylish patterns. Special price..... \$1.95

Berry & Co. MAIN & TENTH STS.

by Miss Annie Steger Winston, who has won pleasant distinction in the literary world. A poem by Mrs. J. Parker Dashiell. A ghost story, by Mrs. John Hunter. A humorous story by Miss Elsie Howard Bruce. A darker story by Mrs. James Lyons.

Among those who will make the trip to Newport News to witness the launching of the "Kentucky" are also Elsie Cameron, Mrs. A. B. Rogers, Miss Fannie Ross, Miss Harris, Miss Beale Catlin, Miss Flossie Talbot and Miss Eleanor Bisher.

All the friends of the popular household of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Morgan will be grieved to learn that Mrs. Clifford Caperton yesterday had a return of the symptoms which in the first instance caused so much anxiety.

The lady managers of St. Paul's Church Home for the Aged contemplate an excursion to Norfolk, York and Washington during the month of May—usually some ideal one for outings of this kind. They desire to have it on Saturday, so that school boys and girls may enjoy it, but it is not a school excursion. Neither details nor date have been decided upon, but it will be a most delightful and socially satisfying trip.

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WILL HANDLE THE CROWD.

The Railroad Company Ready to Carry Them to Newport News.

The officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company have made all the necessary arrangements to accommodate the thousands of people who expect to go down to Newport News on next Thursday morning to witness the launching of the battleships Keokuk and Kentucky.

John D. Potts, a passenger agent of the company, in this city, said yesterday that from present appearances it seemed to him as if everybody intending to go to Newport News on Thursday morning would be accommodated. He only prepared to accommodate the trains in readiness as early as 6 o'clock that morning and they would be started as soon as a sufficient number of cars were filled.

Mr. Potts advises the public to go as early as possible, as practicable, in order to be sure to reach Newport News in time. The Governor's staff will leave in a special car at 7:15 A. M., and Governor Laidley, a colored girl about fifteen years old, this morning with a shot gun, inflicting a painful but not serious wound.

No one witnessed the shooting. The girl seems inclined to make the improvement that was intentional, though from circumstances it appears that he playfully pointed the gun at her, when it went off.

His account of the affair cannot be had, as he has taken to the woods and Sheriff Gill is in pursuit.

The Cape Fear Sails.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 22.—In response to orders received Monday night at 12 o'clock, the government steam-suction dredge Cape Fear, left Southport to-day at 1:30 P. M. for Key West. Her orders direct her to call at Fernandina.

Gained Strength

Able to Walk a Long Distance Since Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla—That Tired Feeling Overcome.

"I was very weak and could not gain strength. I determined to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. After I had taken a few bottles I could get around in the house and walk a block or two. I kept on taking Hood's and now I am able to walk quite a distance and can do many other things about the house, which I could not do for a long time before taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has strengthened me wonderfully, and done me good in many ways." Mrs. J. J. GRIMM, 219 West Cory Street, Richmond, Virginia.

"I am subject to that tired feeling, and hearing Hood's Sarsaparilla so often spoken of as a strengthening medicine I purchased a bottle. It gave me relief at once, and I have not been troubled with that tired feeling since I began its use." WILLIAM A. BARNETT, 110 North West Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact, the One True Blood Purifier.

It cures liver ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

STRAVED, FROM 204 WEST FRANKLIN STREET, A FORTY-FOUR YEAR OLD, black and tan about head, ears and hair. Answers to the name of Hector. Reward if returned to above address. mh2-2

HONORS TO COL. CHAS. S. VENABLE.

The Board Declared Him Professor Emeritus at Their Last Meeting.

HE IS STILL IN FEEBLE HEALTH.

The Washington Literary Society Elects a President—Marriage at the Parsonage—Great Interest in a Revival Meeting.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 22.—Special.—Col. Charles S. Venable, who has been a leading professor of the University of Virginia, but recently resigned after a year ago, on account of his feeble health, was at the recent meeting of the Board of Visitors, declared professor emeritus, and his name ordered to be restored to the official list of the University professors.

Col. Venable is still in feeble health, and is now leading a quiet life at his home in this city.

LITERARY SOCIETY. At a recent election of final officers of the Washington Literary Society of the University of Virginia, Mr. C. Newman Joyce, of Graybill, Va., was elected president. Mr. Augustus T. Stroud, of Norfolk, Va., vice-president, with Mr. Joel Flood Taylor, secretary.

Mr. J. M. Clements and Miss Mary E. Pace, of Woodbridge, Albemarle county, were united in matrimony last evening at the Baptist parsonage in this city.

The revival meeting which commenced at the Baptist church a week ago, is still in progress. Already there have been a number of professions of faith. Dr. Tribble, the pastor, is conducting the exercises.

Marriage licenses were issued this morning by the clerk of Albemarle county court to Mr. Newton D. Bailey and Miss Laura B. Sandridge, of Albemarle county.

CAROLINA MURDER TRIALS.

Prophet Who Has Prophesied Strange Things—Wm. McKinley.

WILKESBORO, N. C., March 22.—Special.—There were two murder trials at the session of Wilkes county court last week. The first was that of William Morgan for killing John Waters during a Christmas feast of 1887. He was found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment.

The evidence made the deed a very black one and there is yet much talk of a lynching. This talk is principally by the half-crazed father of the defendant, who is, by the way, a strange character. He is credited with predicting the civil war several years before it came and with having located the first battle at Bull Run, long before it was fought.

He is now, and has been for a twelve-months, predicting a fearful struggle between the United States and Spain, and has written repeatedly to the President and Governor, advising an immediate mobilization of troops.

His wild prophecies are credited by some of the over-credulous. With this exception the war spirit in this part of Carolina is not very hot.

The other murder case charged with the murder of his son-in-law Richard submitted to a verdict of manslaughter and was imprisoned for four months.